

What is the cost to participate?

Project Lifesaver is a free service provided by the Sheriff's Office thanks to generous community donations and government grants. Regular donations are needed to buy Project Lifesaver equipment for those who need protection, but may not have the financial resources to participate. For more information about making a donation, please call 919-560-0871.



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PROJECT LIFESAVER

Protecting those who wander,
and bringing piece of mind to
families, caregivers, and
the community.

What is Project Lifesaver?

Project Lifesaver is a rapid-response program that saves lives and reduces potential injury by quickly locating adults and children who wander due to Alzheimer's, autism, Down syndrome, dementia, or other related conditions.



How does it work?

Clients enrolled in Project Lifesaver wear a small personal transmitter around their wrist or ankle that emits a unique tracking signal. If the client goes missing, the caregiver notifies the Durham County Sheriff's Office and a trained search team responds to the wanderer's last known area. On average, Project Lifesaver clients are located within 30 minutes.



Who can enroll in Project Lifesaver?

Any adult or child who meets all of the following criteria:

- Lives in Durham County
- Has a physician-diagnosed brain disorder
- Is known to wander away from caregivers

Caregiver responsibilities:

- Test the client's transmitter at least once daily
- Check the condition of the transmitter strap daily
- Maintain a monthly log sheet of battery and strap condition
- Notify the Sheriff's Office promptly if there is a problem with the Project Lifesaver equipment
- Meet with a deputy every other month to change the transmitter battery and strap
- Most importantly, immediately call 911 if the client wanders

